

EJ #342

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AFFIDAVIT

I hereby truthfully state the following facts of enemy atrocities which I personally witnessed:

After the Japanese forces had occupied Changsha, they freely indulged in murder, rape, incendiarism, and many other atrocities throughout the district.

On 17 June 1944, more than 10 soldiers went to To-shih, Shi Shan, to plunder. One of them was however shot to death by the Chinese Chen Ni troops, and this greatly enraged the Japanese soldiers who thus hit upon retaliation against civilians. On that evening, more than 100 Japanese soldiers, armed with machine guns, visited the place again. They machine-gunned and then set fire to all houses from both ends of the street. Over 100 business houses including stocks of goods were thus entirely reduced to ashes.

I was one of the victims who managed to escape from the town. Deprived of all personal belongings by the fire, I became homeless and had to live on alms.

The above statement contains facts free from falsehood. If the enemy atrocities stated above be eventually brought to trial in a court, I am willing to appear either as an accuser or as a witness and to undergo punishment for any malicious accusation or false testimony.

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SEAL:	Fingerprint
SEX:	Male
AGE:	40
NATIVE PLACE:	Changsha
OCCUPATION:	Merchant
ADDRESS:	To-Shih

Before making the statement, the above named was told the meaning of signing an affidavit, and the punishment for malicious accusation and false testimony. After the statement was made, it was shown and read to him, and was acknowledged by him as correct.

INVESTIGATORS NAME:	LO Hwai
SEAL:	(yes)
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AGE:	44
NATIVE PLACE:	Changsha
OFFICIAL POSITION:	Judge, Hsien Court, Fung Hwang-Hsien

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